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## NEWS RELEASE

David A. Clarke Jr. Sheriff

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## Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office **Internet Crime Tipline**

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. has designated a hotline where concerned citizens can receive personalized information and answers to questions regarding internet safety. The purpose of this initiative is to allow parents and children a venue to easily obtain information, request training, and anonymously report online incidents.

The widespread availability of the Internet gives criminals virtually unlimited access to our children. For criminals, the internet is an effective and anonymous way to seek out children for criminal purposes. Criminal acts may include producing and distributing child pornography, cyber-stalking, and contacting children for the purpose of engaging in acts of sexual exploitation.

"Our ultimate goal is to prevent children from being victimized by predators who prey on children's vulnerability, immaturity and inexperience," Sheriff David Clarke said.

The purpose of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office through the Computer Crimes Unit is to prevent children from being victimized and educate children and their parents of potential online dangers.

To report online criminal activity, request training, or other concerns regarding internet crime contact Computer Crimes Tipline at (414) 278-4343.

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